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SUBJ: REMARKS OF SOVIET COMMERCIAL OFFICER ON CEMA, USSR-GOR
ECON RELATIONS

1. FOLLOWING REMARKS OF SOVIET COMMERCIAL OFFICER IN BUCHAREST

MAY BE OF INTEREST TO ADDRESSEES.

2. CEMA COUNCIL MEETING. CEMA FIVE-YEAR PLAN COORDINATION,
ONE OF TOPICS DISCUSSED AT LAST WEEK'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING IN MOSCOW, PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY. PROTOCOL TO
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BE SIGNED BEFORE END OF JUNE AT CEMA COUNCIL MEETING, WHICH

SOURCE SAID MAY BE HELD THIS YEAR IN MOSCOW. ASKED IF THIS WOULD ACCORD WITH WHAT WE UNDERSTAND IS POLICY OF ROTATING SITE OF CEMA COUNCIL MEETINGS ALPHABETICALLY BY NAME OF HOSTING

COUNTRY, SOURCE REPLIED ROTATION POLICY IS MORE FLEXIBLE THAN THAT, BUT IN ANY CASE, FIRM DECISION ON SITE OR DATE NOT YET MADE.

3. USSR-GOR ECONOMIC RELATIONS. WHILE EXPRESSING CUSTOMARY RESERVATIONS ABOUT ROMANIA'S QUALITY CONTROL AND ABILITY TO CARRY OUT ECONOMIC COMMITMENTS ENTERED INTO, SOURCE INDICATED USSR-ROMANIAN ECONOMIC RELATIONS PROGRESSING IN FAIRLY SATISFACTORY MANNER, BOTH BILATERALLY AND IN MULTILATERAL CEMA PROJECTS. IN BILATERAL TRADE, ROMANIA TO DELIVER TRACTORS, MACHINE TOOLS (INCLUDING HORIZONTAL LATHEES), LARGE CRANES, CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS, OTHER PRODUCTS. SOVIETS CONTINUE TO SELL ROMANIA LARGE QUANTITIES OF IRON ORE, ENRICHED IRON ORE PELLETS, AND COKE, BUT SOURCE NOTED QUANTITIES OF SOME OF THESE ITEMS ARE TO BE LOWER THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS. SOVIET TEAM DISCUSSING JOINT PRODUCTION IN ROMANIA OF YAK-50-U TWIN-SEAT SINGLE-ENGINE TRAINER WAS IN BUCHAREST AGAIN LAST WEEK FOR FURTHER TALKS, AND SOURCE SEES NO OBSTACLES TO PRODUCTION BEGINNING SOMETIME DURING NEXT FIVE YEAR PLAN PERIOD. AT LEAST ONE OTHER CEMA COUNTRY WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE.

4. SOVIET-ROMANIAN JOINT COMMISSION MEETING. FURTHER TALKS ON BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS TO TAKE PLACE AT MEETING OF SOVIET-ROMANIAN JOINT COMMISSION, SCHEDULED FOR MAY 20 IN MOSCOW. ALTHOUGH PREPARATORY CORRESPONDENCE BEING ADDRESSED TO ROMANIAN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER GHEORGHE RADULESCU, WHO REMAINS TITULAR HEAD OF JOINT COMMISSION ON ROMANIAN SIDE, SOVIETS EXPECT HIM TO BE REPLACED BY PLANNING COMMITTEE CHIEF MIHAI MARINESCU, RADULESCU'S SUCCESSOR AS ROMANIA'S PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO CEMA.

5. COMPUTERS. ROMANIA IS PARTICIPATING IN RIAD COMPUTER GROUP BUT WITHOUT AS YET HAVING ANY FIXED AREA OF SPECIALIZATION. ONE PROBLEM, ACCORDING TO SOURCE, IS THAT ROMANIAN-PRODUCED FELIX-256 COMPUTER (FRENCH IRIS-50) IS NOT READILY COMPATIBLE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITH RIAD EQUIPMENT. SOURCE MENTIONED THAT ROMANIANS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SELL SOME FELIX-256 COMPUTERS TO ALGERIA, POLAND AND CHINA, BUT IN VERY LIMITED QUANTITY, AND ARE NOW PRODUCING AN IMPROVED VERSION DESIGNATED THE FELIX F-32. ROMANIANS ALSO STRONGLY PRESSING SOVIETS TO BUY ROMANIAN-MADE DESKTOP CALCULATORS.
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